



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW3005

OCTOBER 24, 2005

### Corn Harvest Nears Completion

There were 4.1 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 23, 2005. Air temperatures were in the 70's during the day and the 40's at night. **Corn** is 81 percent harvested, the same as last year and 2 percent above the five-year average.

**Soybeans** are 37 percent harvested, 9 percent above last year and 5 percent above the five-year average. The fourth cutting of **other hay** is 57 percent harvested and **alfalfa hay** is 87 percent harvested.

Planting of small grains progressed at a nice pace. **Barley** is over 74 percent planted, compared with 64 percent last week. **Wheat** is 40 percent planted, compared with 32 percent last week. Both crops are in good to excellent condition.

**Pasture** was rated in mostly fair condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Apples	95	92	90	89
Corn for Grain	81	72	81	79
Soybeans	37	29	28	32
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Barley	74	64	78	78
Winter Wheat	40	32	52	46
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	90	85	87	88
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	87	86	86	87
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	57	56	75	83

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	3	67	30
Topsoil (2004)	-	9	74	16
Five Year Average	2	20	72	6
Subsoil Moisture	-	11	79	10
Subsoil (2004)	2	6	83	9
Five Year Average	5	23	67	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.88	42.34	9.11	77	45	57	3
Easton	1.37	39.51	3.41	76	46	57	0
Frederick	1.27	34.71	2.53	77	45	55	5
Frostburg	1.02	32.00	-6.51	73	37	49	2
Hagerstown	0.69	26.95	-4.65	77	42	55	2
Mechanicsville	1.78	36.58	-0.40	76	43	56	2
Patuxent River	1.47	35.27	0.58	79	45	60	5
Ocean City	1.13	35.64	-1.35	77	44	60	5
Salisbury	1.23	41.30	3.68	76	38	58	3
Sharpsburg	1.17	32.61	0.43	78	40	53	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.65	37.54	5.95	79	48	60	2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.99	43.36	6.71	75	45	58	2
Georgetown	1.55	37.88	1.61	77	45	60	5
Wilmington	1.02	32.33	-1.02	76	44	56	3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.